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ABSTRACT

This book covers the history and politics of higher education in Africa south of the Sahara, as well as contemporary issues, problems, and weaknesses of African universities. The need for a new look at the mission of the university in the 21st century is also addressed. Chapters cover the following topics: (1) higher education in Africa before 1900; (2) colonialism and higher education; (3) decolonization and higher education, 1945-1960; (4) the politics of independence and higher education, 1960-70; (5) the formation, development, and programs of the Association of African Universities; (6) higher education and African development in the 1970s and 1980s; (7) the problems of the 1990s (such as diminishing financial resources, access and equity, and campus politics; (8) special issues (such as academic freedom and university autonomy, effectiveness and efficiency, and university governance); (9) the mission of the African university; (10) new expectations and reorientations (such as science and technology, postgraduate education, regional cooperation, and gender discrepancies); and (11) outreach. Appendices contain a "Handbook on Academic Freedom and University Autonomy" and "Code of Conduct for Academics." (Contains approximately 200 references.) (PRW)

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